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I have the honour to refer to article 13, paragraph 3, of the statute of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, which reads as follows:

> "In the event of a vacancy in the Chambers, after consultation with the Presidents of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General shall appoint a person meeting the qualifications of paragraph 1 above, for the remainder of the term of office concerned."

In this connection, I should like to inform you that Judge Wang Tieya, a national of China, has, for reasons of health, resigned as a judge of the International Tribunal, effective 31 March 2000.

The Government of the People's Republic of China has presented the candidacy of Mr. Liu Daqun to replace Judge Wang. Please find attached his curriculum vitae (see annex).

It is my view that Mr. Liu meets the qualifications which are prescribed in article 13, paragraph 1, of the statute of the International Tribunal. I also consider that Mr. Liu's appointment would be well calculated to ensure adequate representation on the Tribunal of the principal legal systems of the world, as contemplated in article 13, paragraph 2 (c), of the statute of the Tribunal.

I should therefore like to proceed to consultation with you on the appointment of Mr. Liu, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 3, of the statute of the International Tribunal. I look forward to receiving your views on the matter.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

Annex

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Current position:	Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Jamaica; Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the International Seabed Authority.

Educational background

1973-1977	B.A. English Department, Beijing Foreign Language Institute.
1977-1978	Law Certificate, International Law, College of Foreign Affairs, Beijing.
1985-1986	M.A. International Law and International Relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, United States.

Professional positions

1978-1982	Working in the Chinese Embassy in Iceland.
1984-1988	Director of Private International Law Division. Mainly in charge of legal affairs in the areas of judicial assistance, international criminal law and human rights law, Treaty and Law Department, Foreign Ministry.
1988-1991	Director of the Law of the Sea Division, mainly in charge of the negotiation of international environmental treaties and the law of the sea, Treaty and Law Department, Foreign Ministry.
1991-1993	Director of International Law Division, mainly in charge of the legal affairs of the United Nations and the Sixth Committee, Treaty and Law Department, Foreign Ministry.

1993-1998	Deputy Director-General, mainly in charge of legal affairs concerning law in the United Nations, the law of the sea and international criminal law matters, Treaty and Law Department, Foreign Ministry.
1999-present	Ambassador to Jamaica and Permanent Representative to the International Seabed Authority.

Academic positions

Professor of International Law, University of Law and Political Science of China.

Executive Member of the Chinese Society of International Law.

Executive Member of the Chinese Society of Environmental Law.

Executive Member of the Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea.

Professional activities

As a delegate, legal adviser or head of the Chinese delegation, participated in various meetings of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and in negotiations on issues such as extradition, judicial assistance, the law of the sea, climate change; also participated in the Rome Conference on the establishment of an International Criminal Court as the deputy head and chief negotiator of the Chinese delegation.

Academic activities

Lecturer on International Human Rights Law, Law Department, People's University, 1989.

Lecturer on International Environmental Law, Environmental Centre, Wuhan University, 1990.

Lecturer on the Law of the Sea, Law Institute of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 1993-1995.

Lecturer on the establishment of an international criminal court, Law School of Beijing University, 1997-1998.

Professional writings

Co-authored books

The Law of International Organizations (Beijing University Publishing House, 1995).

New Developments in International Law (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Publishing House, 1995).

Commentary on the Charter of the United Nations (Educational Publishing House of Shanxi Province, 1999).

Published over 50 articles, inter alia:

"On the Subject of Extradition", Studies in Law, No. 1, 1989.

"On the Voting Procedure of the Security Council", Law Review, No. 1, 1992.

"United Nations and Regional Organizations", Chinese Yearbook of International Law, 1993.

"On the Political Initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations", Collection of essays on United Nations Reform, 1994.

"On the Establishment of an International Criminal Court", Chinese Yearbook of International Law, 1997.

"On the Procedure of Indictment by the Prosecutor in the Proposed International Criminal Court", Chinese Yearbook of International Law, 1998.